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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3. Please replace claim 4 with amended 4 as follows:

4. An isolated human pluripotent stem cell which can:
 - (a) be maintained on feeder layers for at least 20 passages; and
 - (b) give rise to embryoid bodies and multiple differentiated cell phenotypes in monolayer culture, wherein the cell has a normal karyotype.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending. Claims 1-3 have been canceled without prejudice to advance the prosecution. Claim 4 has been amended herein. Attached as Appendix A is a marked-up version of the pending claims.

Applicant sincerely appreciates the November 19, 2001 interview with Examiner Woitach. Applicant has amended the claims consistent with the Examiner's recommendations. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. In view of these amendments and the associated remarks applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and believes the application is in condition for allowance.

PRIORITY

Applicant continues to believe the subject application is entitled to the priority date of U.S. Serial No. 958,562, filed October 8, 1992 for the reasons stated previously. However, in view of applicant's cancellation of claims without prejudice 1-3, the issue has been mooted.